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LONG LITIGATION ENDS IN \$300,000 TRANSFER

Three years of litigation terminated Saturday with the acquisition of Devonshire Hills at San Carlos by the Sierra Financial Corporation, a subsidiary of the John Hancock Mutual Life Insurance Company, which purchased the property at public auction on the steps of the Redwood City courthouse at noon Saturday.

Approximately \$300,000 was the consideration, Brooke Mohun, counsel for the Sierra corporation, who conducted the sale as trustee, said afterward.

This includes assumption of two promissory notes for \$190,789, executed on September 14, 1925, and \$88,000, dated October 5, 1927.

Over 1400 acres of land are involved, and lie partly in the city of San Carlos and partly outside. The tract was first laid out by

the Municipal Properties Inc., which gave its deed of trust to W. C. Sharpsteen to secure the payment of a promissory note for \$190,789 in favor of W. A. Chipman as trustee under the will of Josephine Phelps, interest in which was later assigned to the Sierra corporation.

The second note was secured in favor of the National Mortgage Company.

Mohun announced that the general policy will be to protect the equity of present property owners in the hills subdivision, and that a development program will be launched within a few weeks.

San Carlos realty men and residents declared themselves pleased with the sale, seeing a chance for which was hindered by the litigation.

DELINQUENCIES UNDER 1915 BOND ACT PUZZLE

The matter of delinquencies existing under the 1915 bond act is one which has been engaging the attention of the city council for some time. Last June the city manager, in a communication to the council, wrote as follows:

"The subject to me seems to be one of such importance as to demand immediate action of a definite character. There is yet to be a clearly defined decision as to policy on the part of a number of councils in California. The problem does not lend itself to an immediate and easy solution, on account of varying conditions. Nor is it one which becomes less important as time goes on. Hence the warning of the city manager, and the city treasurer also, are issued. In explaining the matter, the city treasurer gives the following information:

est at 7 per cent until the bonds were called in. Since July, \$7000 of the bonds have been retired, so now there is outstanding \$29,250. In the present economic distress, the treasurer predicts that at least another \$30,000 of bonds will be defaulted next July.

The bonds are issued by and in the name of the city with the understanding as provided by the law governing their issuance, that they are to be paid from the money in the particular fund. There has been some argument as to the liability of the city toward the bondholders when the funds were insufficient, but it seems now that the city attorney doubts that the bonds are a legal obligation of the municipality.

The question then arises—what shall be done with the outstanding matured bonds? The council has not specifically repudiated them, nor has it, on the other hand, made adequate provision to pay them, the treasurer asserts.

The city manager has said that there is a possible moral obligation on the part of the city involved, and this is a belief shared by several other officials, who do not want to see the city's credit standing impaired.

Under the law the city may bring foreclosure proceedings against any property where the principal and interest for the street improvement assessments have not been paid. Through this provision, the city attorney has instituted, or has in process, foreclosure proceedings on over 100 parcels. The suits must be brought to recover just the amount involved in the delinquency and not for the entire assessment. Even if the suits to foreclosure are successful, the city to realize any return, must sell the property and the original owner has a year in which to redeem it. This makes it practically impossible for the city to obtain any money to pay the delinquent bonds in less than a year, according to the treasurer.

To get a street paved, a sidewalk laid or electroliners erected by the city, it is necessary for a sufficient number of property owners concerned to petition the council for the work. If protests are insufficient, the work is ordered. Upon completion of it, the property owners in the district designated by the city engineer are sent bills for the amount of the cost allocated to them. Some pay within the time specified, while others do not. These unpaid assessments are then lumped and in the name of the city bonds are issued. These bonds are then turned over to the contractor as his final payment. He usually sells the bonds to a bond house. This leaves the bondholder on one side, the property owner on the other, and the city in the middle.

The amount assessed against the different lots is divided into ten equal installments and interest at 7 per cent on deferred items is charged. Each year the corresponding assessment and interest are placed on the tax roll and paid the same as taxes.

Bond issues for such improvements are lettered and numbered. For example, there is M-7, K-5, L-2, etc., running from A to S, and 39 in number. Series A was issued in March, 1924; Series F in April, 1924, and each have two more years before they are paid in full. The last was M-14, issued last April, which runs nine years more.

The work under the different assessments was performed in all parts of the city—Staiford, Edgewood Park, Whipple Avenue, Oak Knoll Manor, Central Park, Eagle Hill Addition, Jefferson and Roosevelt avenues, Southwood, Mezesville, Main street, Broadway, Ferry subdivision, etc.

As the assessments are paid, the tax collector reports to the treasurer the amounts received from each assessment district according to the bond series. From this money the treasurer is supposed to pay the bonds and interest due each year. Interest is payable in January and July and bonds in July.

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At its last meeting, the council agreed to waive penalties on delinquent street assessments under the 1915 act, provided all delinquent assessments are paid within 60 days—property owners to pay 7 per cent interest on any money the city had advanced to redeem bonds.

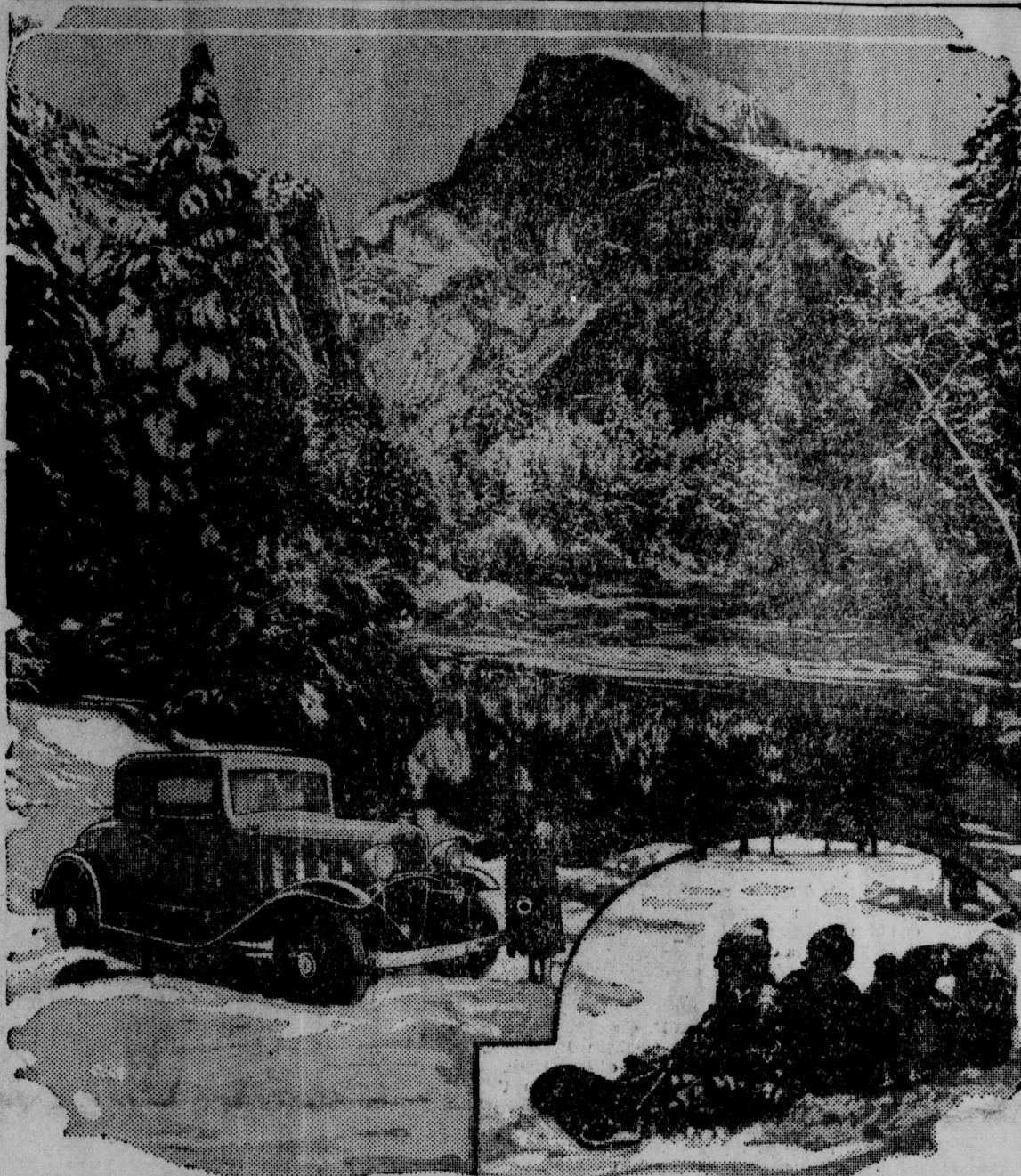
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Winter Sports Lure Westerners to the Mountains



From Mexico to the Canadian Line Westerners find Winter Sports readily accessible. Devotees of the great outdoors from California usually gather at Yosemite. In the Pacific Northwest there are many retreats for those who love skiing, ice skating or the thrill of a toboggan ride.

WOODSIDE MAN IS DISCOVERED DEAD

William S. Benedetti, 46, was found dead in his home at Woodside on Saturday afternoon. Death, which probably came on Friday, was caused by double pneumonia. Mr. Benedetti was engaged in the wood and trucking business at Woodside, where he had lived for the past 44 years. He came to this country from Italy. He is survived by a brother, George Benedetti; two sisters, Mrs. Jacob Cocco of Menlo Heights, and Mrs. Alvin O'Keefe of Mayfield. He was the uncle of Joseph, Rafael, Annette, Arthur and Leo Cocco; and of Alvin Jr., and Donald O'Keefe.

The funeral services were held on Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock from the Layne & Tinney Funeral Home, thence to Mt. Carmel Church where a requiem mass was celebrated commencing at 9:30. Interment followed in Holy Cross Cemetery at Menlo Park.

MAN DENIES HE EJECTED WOMAN

An answer to the \$7500 lawsuit brought by his former housekeeper, Mary Alice Palmer, was filed with County Clerk Elmore B. Hinman in Redwood City Monday by Harold S. Anderson, wealthy Hillsborough contractor.

Anderson denies he ejected her bodily from his home on November 6, and avers the injuries incurred by her were not caused by his grasping her arm, but by her slipping in a hallway.

Judge Buck Shows Some Improvement

Superior Judge George H. Buck, who is confined to his home, 241 Jefferson Avenue, with a bad cold, arose at 9 o'clock Monday and attended to his correspondence and court work. He was reported improved, but not sufficiently so to go outdoors. He will remain away from the courthouse for several days.

THIRD VICTIM OF GAS PASSES AWAY

SAN MATEO. — Mrs. Alice Cole, the third of three victims of gas fumes in her San Bruno home on December 17, died Sunday in the Mills Memorial Hospital here.

Her son, Charles Cole, 17, and

Louis Conti Given Decree On Desertion

Louis Conti has been granted an interlocutory decree of divorce from Mrs. Christina Conti on the ground of desertion when the case was called in Superior Judge Franklin Swart's court.

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We've a Lot Of Faith in This Youngster



Young Master 1932 makes his initial bow and there are cheers, not tears, at his farewell to Old Father 1931. Everybody is looking for the little fellow to develop into a big strapping giant who will smile at a job well done when he in turn welcomes 1933. In this instance 1932 is portrayed by Miss Jean Thompson, Seattle miss, who is standing on a big Milwaukee locomotive looking down on Father Time, represented by T. E. Mahoney, official of the line.

PAIR ARRESTED IN STORE BURGLARY; CRIME ADMITTED

Gaining entry by prying open a back door, two youths burglarized the Public Food Store at the corner of Main street and Middlefield road early Sunday, and were captured shortly afterward by Officer Herman Fleishman of the Redwood City Police Department.

Dempster Gatewood, 18, meat packer, and Ralph Angelo, 24, shipping clerk, were booked by Officers Fleishman, Snider and Fogarty at the county jail at 3:40 o'clock Sunday morning, after they had admitted the food store burglary.

The youths obtained several packages of cigarettes and \$3.01 in cash, according to the store manager, A. E. Cattey. Officer Fleishman found only \$2.46 in their pockets when arrested, however.

The youths were halted while crossing the lot in the rear of the new bank building at Broadway and California street, Officer Fleishman reported. Taken to the jail, they later confessed entering the food store, he said.

Both youths said they resided in South San Francisco. Gatewood is colored.

THEATRE BANDIT TAKES AWAY \$2500

SAN JOSE. — A single, unmasked bandit held up three employees in the California Theatre office here late Sunday evening and escaped in the crowd of show patrons after seizing the week-end receipts of about \$2500.

The gunman rushed into the office behind Asmus Hansen, maintenance man, as he unlocked the door. Covering Hansen and Larry T. Postal, assistant manager, and Miss Blanche Baker, cashier, with a gun, the thug proceeded to scoop up the money in business-like fashion.

Ordering the two men to lie face down on the floor and Miss Baker to occupy a chair between them, the bandit cut the wires of two telephones in the office and grabbed Sunday's receipts, \$1200, from the desk. He then turned to the wall safe, which held Saturday's receipts, about \$1300. Unable to open it, he forced Postal to unlock the combination.

As soon as the bandit stepped from the office, Postal tried to telephone but found the wires had been cut. The police were summoned a moment later from another telephone, but the robber had fled, evidently mingling with the crowd leaving the theatre.

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Barter Estate Is On File In Court

Letters of administration in the estate of Howard M. Barter, who died in this county on December 17, have been asked in a petition filed by Dr. J. C. McGovern, public administrator, with County Clerk Elmore B. Hinman.

Mabel C. Barter, 911 Bluff street, Glencoe, Ill., is named as his heir.

Divorce Given To Mrs. Madge King

Mrs. Madge King has been granted an interlocutory decree of divorce against Perry G. King on the ground of neglect, following a hearing before Superior Judge Franklin Swart. She was represented by Attorney Richard O. Bell.

About 40 cities in the world have populations of more than a million.

21-Year Records Are Broken By December Rainfall Here; Lakes, Creeks At High Marks

PALO ALTO, Dec. 26.— Peninsula residents seriously considered building an ark as the week-end rains brought by the heaviest storm in many years, boosted the season's mark so far close to the totals for all of the season of a year ago. With three days left to go to the end of the month, December locally is already the wettest December in 21 years. Basements, grounds and many street and highway intersections were flooded as the capacity of all drainage outlets was taxed the uttermost. Week-end rainfall was 2.49 inches here and 3.35 at the Stanford campus.

Searsville Lake went up to high-water mark and started running over the top of the dam yesterday afternoon, and by tonight enough water will have run off to fill the entire lake once again. It is estimated, Lagunita, the lake which forms a springtime playground for Stanford students, already holds a great mass of water and is expected to be completely full to its 100,000,000-gallon capacity in a week.

Menlo Park perhaps suffered the heaviest actual damage, it was believed, after a general survey of conditions in this vicinity. An oak tree last night fell and smashed the front of the store of F. J. Furnivall at Oak Grove avenue and Mills street. He estimates the damage at several hundred dollars. Dirt covering the storm sewer culvert running under Creek drive in Stanford park into San Francisco creek near the highway was washed loose and caused the caving in of a strip across the roadway at that point. The drive was blocked off for traffic today.

left, with another storm reported by the weather bureau to be heading toward Northern California. The wettest December previously recorded in 21 years of records in Palo Alto was in 1913, when the December rains totaled 5.81 inches.

Average rainfall over the 21-year period for the end of December is 5.4, and for December 28 approximately 5.1. The most that has ever fallen by the end of December is 11.15 in 1918. The wettest season ever recorded was 1914 when 26.64 inches of rain fell. At the end of that December only 6.68 inches had been recorded.

Stanford Rains Heavier
Stanford rains were heavier than in Palo Alto, according to readings taken at the campus gauge which showed a fall of 3.35 inches for the storm to bring the season's total to 9.21 inches. For the whole of last season the rainfall was 9.36, and the rain at the same time of a year ago had amounted only to about 2.01.

Searsville Lake, total so far is 16.10 with 4.46 inches recorded in the storm. Readings at Felt Lake and atop the Skyline will probably show total rainfall of more than 20 inches and between 12 and 13 inches respectively, it is estimated by J. R. McDonnell, assistant superintendent of buildings and grounds at Stanford.

Water Over Top
Three hundred second feet of water has been flowing over the top of Searsville Lake dam since 5 o'clock last evening. By tonight McDonnell estimates that 300,000-000 gallons, almost enough to fill the lake again, will have flowed out of Searsville.

The storms of the past week have raised the level of Searsville around 20 feet to high-water mark and the supply from 40,000,000 gallons to the capacity of 305,000,000. Felt Lake is filling at the rate of 25,000,000 gallons a day, and about 10,000,000 gallons a day are flowing into Lagunita. San Francisco creek has been carrying a great torrent of water since the bay at the rate of 600,000,000 gallons a day. The creek flow was sufficiently high to cover the Stanford golf links' footbridge near the old Robie bridge.

Heavy Rain at Mt. View
MOUNTAIN VIEW, Dec. 28.— Mountain View has had 7 1/4 inches of rain this season, and 3 1/4 inches in the week beginning last Monday. J. S. Mockbee, the custodian of the rain gauge here, reports that up to January 1 last year the rainfall was only 1.84 inches and the average for the past 10 years up to January 1 has been 4.16 inches.

Stevens creek to the east of town is a veritable torrent, and Permanente creek on the west is running for the first time in five years.

Pets Of High And Low Social Rank Vie At San Mateo Show

SAN MATEO. — Pets of questionable lineage—but pets just the same—vied with bluebloods in the first annual pet show staged by the peninsula society folk at the Gymkhana Club here Sunday.

and he was quite old when I bought him, and everybody told me you can't teach an old dog new tricks, so I haven't tried."

Kathleen Kamm won first honors, capturing the blue ribbon when she related how she harmonized the lives of two "orphans" cats, Elsie and Happy; a dog named Brownie, two strawberry finches and a canary called Herodotus.

A big hand greeted Jeanne and Inky, but Inky was really quite bored with it all. He's not only an old dog, but quite a blase one.

She, along with all the other exhibitors, had to "ballyhoo" her pets, explaining to the judges just why the entry ought to be adjudged a prize winner.

Other children who exhibited their pets were Barbara Kahn, with her pedigreed Irish terrier, Pride of Killarney; Marjorie Blyth on her horse, Steel King; Jack Leib with another dog and goat, and the little Wood Girls, Betsy and Nancy, with their big dogs, almost as large as their mistresses.

Barbara Blyth, with her horse, Ginger, and pet canaries, Tom Sawyer and Huckleberry Finn, was awarded second prize.

Third prize went to Lorraine Ames and her dog.

Walter Wolfskill and his cocker spaniel won the blue ribbon in the boys' division.

Billy Duncan won second prize with his "educated" horse Don D. Billy.

Third honors went to Gordon Leib, who exhibited his pet dog, Pal, and his goat, Gordie.

Tiny Jeanne Bocqueraz exhibited one of the finest dogs in the world, but didn't win a prize. She didn't expect to, and she explained the reason to the judges. The dog's name was Inky, and there's quite a bit of doubt in the Bocqueraz family as to just what kind of a dog he is.

"You see, I bought Inky from the pound for \$3," said his pretty little mistress. "But he can't do any tricks. He's quite an old dog,

Miss Yount was driving a car registered to Anna C. Schmoll of box 182, Belmont. Both cars were considerably damaged, but the operators escaped injury.

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Menlo Park

The Yuletide spirit entered into the proceedings of the regular meeting of the city council last Tuesday evening. But little business was transacted. Blake and Dale were absent.

Claims against the city aggregating several hundred dollars were passed and allowed.

The red light on the Peralta Pigeon Farm is often taken for a traffic signal by motorists coming down Ravenswood avenue, causing confusion. The mayor agreed to see Mr. Denton, owner of the farm, and have him change the light to some other color.

The new zoning ordinance, as amended, went over until the next regular meeting for final passage.

City Attorney Withworth has interviewed the owner of a certain parcel of land on Valparaiso avenue, which was to be given the city as a public park, and found that she has no desire to give the property in question to the city.

Walter Gale, the oil magnate of Southern California, spent Christmas with his mother, Mrs. A. G. Gale of Glenwood avenue.

Miss Catherine Alward, having passed the board of examiners, has received her state license as a professional nurse. She may now follow her profession in any part of the state. She is a clever and charming young woman and is certain to meet with success.

Miss Marian Kearney, of San Francisco, spent Christmas with her uncle, P. J. Kearney. The young lady holds a responsible position in the accounting department of the importing house of Ranshoff and Company.

About 300 children enjoyed the Christmas tree in the auditorium of the grammar school last week. All the little ones in town were invited to see Santa Claus and were given gifts. The affair was sponsored by the Native Sons and Native Daughters and Mayor W. H. Weedon.

The rain storm of the past ten days has caused the residents of Pine street and neighboring avenues to duly appreciate the sidewalks and streets constructed last fall by the city council. The members of the council had foreseen to see what havoc a big storm would bring unless the streets were improved. The people of Menlo Park owe a debt of gratitude to the progressive council that is always watching the interests of its constituents.

Notwithstanding the alleged depression, the plate collections on Christmas were larger than for many years past. The people have not forgotten their duties to the church.

The total rain fall for the season

is 8.88 inches, as against 2.02 at this time last year. The entire rainfall for the season last year was only 10.29 inches. It has been raining almost continually since December 21, and since that date 5.47 inches of rain have fallen.

For the first time in three years water flowed down San Francisco creek, and not in ten years did the water reach such a high mark. On Sunday last, the creek was more than half full, the vast volume of water being lost in the bosom of the bay. The conservation of this water would mean much to the community. No doubt, in time, some method will be devised to save this water.

The Bear Gulch, Lake Lagunita, Searsville Lake and the Felt lake are overflowing and it is said that the Spring Valley lakes are rapidly filling up. The recent storm has done wonders for this community. A good supply of water is assured for next year.

St. Agnes' Choir of St. Agnes church, San Francisco, sweetly sang Christmas Carols in the public chapel of Corpus Christi Monastery, on Christmas morning, a large congregation enjoying the program. Annually the choir makes its pilgrimage to the monastery to the edification of a large number who come from afar to enjoy the sacred music.

Chief Love acted as Santa Claus during the Christmas holiday, in dispensing of food to many needy people of the community. He placed over fifty cartons of choice food where they were sorely needed. Chief of Police Farrell did a like service for his district at Atherton. Both men gave freely of their own means. They are in a position to know the wants of those in distress more than anyone else and often draw on their own resources to relieve suffering.

Instead of the customary Christmas morning party, the Misses Ena and Florence Douglass, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Douglass, of Menlo Park, assisted Santa Claus this year by taking 20 baskets of food to needy families in the vicinity. The part of Santa Claus was taken by Elmo Cornelson of Menlo Park, and was accompanied by Frank Love, Menlo Park chief of police.

The Douglass family celebrated Christmas quietly at home, without guests. Miss Ena Douglass is there for the holidays from the University of California, where she is a student. She belongs to Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin T. Coman of Atherton, will leave tomorrow for Berkeley, where they will reside. Mr. Coman is to take advanced work at the University of California.

Woodside

The storm of the past week has exactly doubled the season's rainfall, according to the rain-gauges situated in different parts of the valley, which show a total of 15 inches thus far this year. The runoff from the already saturated top soil was the heaviest seen here for several years. The drainage from the hills into Searsville Lake was so much greater than could be taken care of by the culverts under the county road, that the water was backed up over many acres and in some places flooded the road. West Union creek was running bank full and the street gutters, although recently deepened and widened by the road district crews, had difficulty in carrying the flow. Even the most southerly of the Crystal Springs lakes, whose beds have been completely dry for many months, is beginning to show a respectable depth of water in storage.

Notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather, many of our summer residents, deserted their homes in the city to celebrate the holidays at their homes here. Among these were Mr. and Mrs. Daniel C. Jackling who came from their apartments in the Mark Hopkins Hotel to hold open house for their friends at their beautiful home here on Christmas Day.

Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Mighall gave a dinner party on Christmas to relatives and members of the family. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. George McArthur, Mr. and Mrs. Henry McArthur, Mr. and Mrs. Merwyn McArthur, Miss Norma McArthur, Miss Evelyn McArthur, Mrs. Whipple, Mrs. Ayres and Mr. Willard Ayres.

Mr. and Mrs. James V. Neuman entertained twenty members of their family with a Christmas dinner at the Woodside Inn.

Mr. James Huddart and his sister, Miss May Huddart, having entertained a large group of family members on Thanksgiving day, were in turn entertained by other members of the family at Berkeley over the Christmas holidays.

John Volpiano, assistant fire chief of the Woodside Fire Department, who has been confined to his home for the past eight weeks with an attack of typhoid, is expected to be out again by the end of the week.

John Randall, for many years a resident of Woodside, died on Christmas Day, and was buried on Monday afternoon. Rev. Benjamin St. John of the Woodside church, conducted the services.

William Benedetti, who was born

in Redwood City and had spent all of his life in Woodside and vicinity, was found lying dead in his home adjoining the Woodside church, on Saturday morning. He was unmarried and lived alone in the house from which he conducted a trucking and a wood and coal business. He had not been ill and seemed in good health when conversing with neighbors the day before his death.

HUMAN BODY SETS LIMITS OF AVIATION

While man may soar to a height of 50,000 feet, race through the air at 500 miles an hour, and remain aloft for as long as 150 hours without refueling, the limits of human endurance will set the boundaries of aviation's achievements, in the opinion of Everett Parker Lesley, professor of mechanical engineering at Stanford University.

Professor Lesley delivered the commencement address recently at the Boeing School of Aeronautics in Oakland, flying over and back in one of the company's planes. His subject was, "Where Do We Go From Here?" Discussing what can be expected along the lines of speed and distance in the next few years, he told the young pilots that since no nerveless robots had been developed to take the place of flesh and blood men in the cockpit, the limitations would be imposed by the human factor rather than the mechanical flying. "Formulas developed and now in use in experimental flying," he declared, "indicate that it may be possible to get to a speed as high as 500 miles an hour, to stay in the air as long as 150 hours without refueling, to travel 9,000 or 10,000 miles without stopping, and to attain an altitude of 50,000 feet." He pointed out that pilots had already flown at 400 miles an hour and had stayed up for 88 hours.

Twenty-five graduates of the school, which turns out a class every three months, received their credentials. They came from various parts of the United States, including Hawaii and Brazil.

MRS. D. K. FRASIER LOSS TO COMMUNITY

The passing of Mrs. Mattie A. Montgomery Frasier, in this city last week, recalls her long and useful life in California. Coming from her Iowa home as a girl, to dwell in the Golden State, her years were spent in devotion to her family and friends. Her splendid deeds are known to all who knew her. Her kindness and sympathy for those in trouble was far reaching and many have felt the touch of her tenderness and many have been made happy by her sweet smile and her words of encouragement and consolation.

Mrs. Frasier celebrated the 67th anniversary of her marriage, last September. In a little church in Salinas she was united in marriage to Mr. D. K. Frasier in 1864. She was then living in the historic town of Monterey, where her husband afterwards erected a great many of the big buildings.

Some years after, there came to reside as next-door neighbors to the Frasier family, the Henry family. A strong friendship sprang up between the neighbors. Their children mingled and romped together. Miss Lou Henry, now Mrs. Herbert Hoover, was a particular favorite with Mrs. Frasier. She loved the girl for her sparkling wit and humor and when the child was yet young, predicted a great career for her. Mrs. Hoover, as the first lady of the land, has developed that humor, so pronounced in her youth, that she is recognized as one of the ablest women that has ever presided in the White House, not excepting Dolly Adams.

After her marriage, Mrs. Hoover accompanied her husband to China, where Mr. Hoover developed mining property in the interior. A few years later Mr. and Mrs. Hoover returned to Monterey to visit relatives. A reception was arranged for them and the head and front of the committee of arrangements was Mrs. Frasier. In after life she often recalled the shyness of the future president in that occasion. It was a big event in the lives of the young couple.

Mrs. Frasier watched with earnestness the career of the young couple and no one was happier than Mrs. Frasier when the election of President Hoover was announced. Mrs. Frasier was invited to be a guest at the White House but her health would not permit her to make the long journey to Washington.

The Frasers came to San Francisco many years ago, where Mr. Frasier engaged in the contracting business, erecting many of the skyscrapers. Mr. Frasier is a relative, by marriage, of James B. Holohan, the popular warden at San Quentin. Mrs. Frasier will live long in the memory of her wide circle of friends. She is survived by her sorrowing husband and three sons, who are prominent in business in this state and in the east.

CHURCH SERVICES

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE CHURCH
First Church of Christ, Scientist, Redwood City, corner Brewster avenue and Elwood street.
Sunday services 11 a. m.

Wednesday services 8 p. m.
Reading room in church edifice open 2 to 4 p. m. except Sunday and holidays.

7th DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH
SATURDAY
Elder E. H. Adams will preach the sermon at 11 a. m.
Old Methodist Church on Maple street, between Stambaugh and Middlefield road.
Sabbath School meets at 9:45 a. m. Miss Edith Roberts, superintendent.
Church services, 11 a. m.
Wednesday evening Prayer meeting at 8.

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Anthem — "Love and Service."
Chorus choir.

Quartet — "Seek Ye the Lord" (Roberts). Mr. and Mrs. Herman Phillips and Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Dossie. Tenor obligato by Mr. J. Edwin Spence. Mrs. Roy Hohberger, director; Mr. Fred Taylor, organist.
Christian Endeavor Society meets at 6:45. Mr. Kenneth Bomberg, president.

Tuesday at 7:30, choir practice.
The Ladies' Circle will meet at the church, Tuesday, January 5th, at 2:30. The church extends a cordial welcome to all.

The San Francisco Plant, Flower and Fruit Guild completed its activities for the year on Thursday, December 30th. On that day the guild distributed Christmas trees to the wards of San Francisco hospitals. Mrs. Edwin Seares directed the Girl Scouts, Camp Fire Girls and the Girl Reserves in this work.

In the spring the guild will resume its weekly collections of fruits and flowers from Marin and San Mateo county gardens and distribute them to the various charitable organizations in San Francisco.

Balloon tires have been placed on wheelbarrows in England to prevent the wheels from digging into soft ground.



Since Passing of Jack Wilson, Veterans Have Been Dipping Their Pe

NEW YORK, Nov. 17. — Notes from a convenient cuff. . . . Most of the reminiscence writers seem to have rediscovered their pens since Jack Wilson, the veteran of burnt cork snuffed out his own life. . . . In case you didn't happen to note the item: Wilson had been in a recent accident and feared he would "flop" when he went on in a song and dance. . . . He had been "at liberty" a long time.

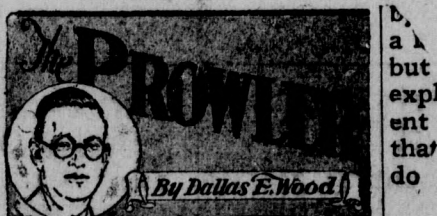
Those who chatter about Broadway recalled that once he had been a vaudeville teammate of Kitty Gordon, the lady who beautiful back

A FIELD AND

By J. P. Cuenin

We can now look forward to real black bass fishing in California. Of course, the numbers of these fish in our streams cannot be increased overnight or within a season or two, but the Fish and Game Commission has agreed to begin the propagation of bass.

Last Friday a committee from the Associated Sportsmen of California met with Commissioner Zellerbach, Major Farley, executive officer, and Graham B. Ridley, assistant executive officer, and discussed the black bass situation. The result of the meeting is that instead of using a small part of the Mount Shasta pond waters a commission pond culture on the site at Sequim river will



COMPLETE CHARACTER
Summary: "She's the kind of neighbor who always bolts right in without knocking." And it seems to me that in view of the fact that a fellow is liable to get caught at anything from sitting in his stocking feet to making home brew in the kitchen, he is entitled to the warning of at least a conventional door knock.

THE WORST IN THAT
Line that I ever heard of was an occasion when a clergyman was sitting in front of the fireplace in the parsonage living room his feet immerse in a d bath

You Will Enjoy Reading These Feature Articles in the Redwood City Tribune

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Honor Birthday At Party Given In Belmont

BELMONT. — Honoring Fredrick Johnson, Sr., Mrs. Johnson recently invited a group of friends of San Mateo, San Carlos, and Belmont to celebrate his birthday.

Cards and music were enjoyed during the evening. Supper was served at midnight. Among the guests were Mr. and Mrs. Frederick T. Odgers and Mrs. Andrew Johnson of San Carlos; Mr. and Mrs. A. Waldo of San Mateo; Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Lambrook of Burlingame, Capt. H. S. Hasbrouck, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Miller, Mr. and Mrs. John Berg and the hosts of Belmont.

City Clerk and Mrs. Raymond G. Kelly entertained at Christmas dinner. Among their guests were Mr. and Mrs. Jack Kramer of San Carlos, Mr. and Mrs. Edward A. Allen and daughters, of Redwood City; Mr. and Mrs. John Schultz and son of Palo Alto, and Mr. and Mrs. George Rousell of Belmont.

Mr. and Mrs. John Berg of Ralston avenue were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. B. Norberg of Burlingame Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Sydney Johnson of Los Angeles are guests of Mr. and Mrs. William Johnson for the holidays. Mr. and Mrs. Bertrand and young son joined the group for Christmas dinner.

The Church of the Good Shepherd held its Yuletide festival Sunday morning at the 11 o'clock service. The service was read by Lay Reader W. Jay Overton of San Carlos. Girls and boys of the choir sang Christmas carols. Gifts of candy were distributed to the children.

On Saturday afternoon Santa Claus was at the Belle Mont Country Club with gifts and

Bridge Section Of Club Plans Instruction Course

The bridge section of the Redwood City Woman's Club is arranging a course of instruction in contract bridge for the club members, which will begin January 14. The course includes 12 lessons for which the price is \$3, and will be conducted on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month. Further information may be secured from Mrs. Arthur Jensen, chairman of the bridge section of the club, whose telephone number is 1620-J.

On Saturday evening, January 9, the club is to give an auction and contract bridge party which is to be open to the public. Score cards for this will cost 50 cents, and include refreshments.

The committee in charge, headed by Mrs. Jensen, is composed of Mrs. Ralph Wildanger and Mrs. W. A. Harper.

Hostesses for the evening will be Mrs. Roy Petersen, Mrs. E. L. Rogers, and Mrs. E. J. Hartney. Playing will begin at 8:30 o'clock.

stories for the children. The affair was the usual Christmas treat given for children of club members.

Paul Avery, who returned recently from Africa, told stories of the African jungle. A dance was given by Beverly June Spooner. Refreshments were served.

Mr. George Cross, who has been confined to the Southern Pacific Hospital in San Francisco for the past few weeks, has returned to his home, and will resume his duties as flagman at the local depot soon.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Irvin and son Charles, were Christmas guests of Mrs. Irvin's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles B. Andrews, in Los Gatos.

Masons To Have Party On New Year's Eve

The club room committee of the Redwood City lodge of Masons, headed by W. W. Hilton, is in active charge of a New Year's Eve party which will be given in Masonic Hall. It is to be a supper dance. Many reservations have been made.

DEVICE PLOTS COURSE
WASHINGTON — The Hydrographic Office, navy department, has reported the development of an instrument for use of pilots in plotting airplane courses. It is said to simplify the ascertaining of directions and distances, and also permits actual marking of the course on a chart beneath the instrument.

NORWAY U. S. LINE
OSLO. — Regular airplane service between Norway and the United States is being planned for next summer. According to Capt. Meisler, director of Norwegian air routes, who has announced plans for the line, it will travel over Greenland, making the jump across the Atlantic ocean to reach America some place in Labrador.

Death rates from diabetes, exophthalmic goiter and Addison's disease are higher in northern climates than in the South, Dr. Clarence A. Mills, of the University of Cincinnati, has found.

A camera and X-ray combination is now lowered into the stomach of a patient suffering from stomach ulcers to determine the location of the sores.

It wouldn't be so bad to be poor if we could keep the distressing fact a secret.

The riflebird gets its name from the whizzing cry it utters.

MISS CAWTHRON-JOHN BRUNE ENGAGEMENT IS ANNOUNCED

MR. AND MRS. GEORGE CAWTHRON of Vera avenue have announced the engagement of their daughter, Miss Doris Cawthron, to Mr. John Brune of East Palo Alto.

Miss Cawthron is a graduate of Sequoia Union High School. Her brother is George Cawthron Jr.

Her fiancé's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Brune of Palo Alto. No date has been set as yet for the wedding.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Woodhams invited Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Woodhams, and Mrs. Woodhams' parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Doxsee, and other members of the family, together with Miss Bess Lowery of Berkeley, for dinner Christmas day.

The R. L. Squires home on Eaton avenue was the scene of a family dinner Christmas day, when Mrs. Squires' sister, Mrs. E. E. Purington, Mr. Purington and their children; Dr. and Mrs. W. A. Harvey, and other relatives from San Francisco were present.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Dodge were Christmas guests of Mrs. Dodge's brother, Robert Harlow, and his family in Cement.

J. E. Baughns Hosts At Family Dinner Party

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Baughns were hosts Friday at a dinner to which they had invited members of their families. Mrs. Baughns' grandmother, Mrs. Mary L. Carter, and Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Hill of San Francisco were present, as were Mr. Baughns' sister, Mrs. C. F. Marsh, and her husband.

Mrs. Gorham And Son Leave For Palm Springs

Mrs. Mae D. Gorham and Douglas Gorham, her son, left Saturday for Palm Springs, where they will be until the first of the year. They will be joined in Los Angeles by Mrs. Gorham's sister, Mrs. E. J. Roberts, and Mrs. G. A. Brice.

Silt from the biblical flood of Noah's time is thought to be that taken from excavations in Mesopotamia by Dr. C. Leonard Woolley, of Philadelphia.

Vinegar will remove most any stain from the hands.

Cousins Observe Graduations With Dancing Party

Miss Harriett Whiting and Richard Whiting, her cousin, observed their graduations from Sequoia Union High School with the closing of the fall term, at a recent dancing party given at the home of Miss Whiting on Myrtle street.

Invited for the occasion were the Misses Helen Brook, Hazel Bevilockway, Milford Stillwell, Leona Morinan of Palo Alto; Velma Evers, Marie Olivero, Gertrude Uhlrich, June Irwin, Josephine Gibson, Gertrude Gibson, Therese Vida and Lois Ellithorpe of San Jose.

Messrs. Dick Cornelson, Jack Shallenberger, Robert Shallenberger, Ed Brook, Alfred Albertson, Barney Guglielmoni, Delbert Walker, D. Williams, Jack Williams, Ernest Bevilockway, Dan Morgan, Julius Doka and A. Patterson.

Johnson-Meyers Betrothal Is Announced Here

Announcement is made of the betrothal of Miss Ethel Johnson and Mr. Francis Meyers, which was told at a party Christmas eve.

Miss Johnson, who resides with her mother, Mrs. A. F. Johnson on Arch street, is a graduate of Sequoia high school, and is connected with the California Pacific Title and Trust Co. Mr. Meyers, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Meyers of San Mateo, one of the pioneer families of the peninsula, is also a graduate of Sequoia high school and of St. Mary's College. He was a member of the football team there last year.

No date has been set for the wedding.

Neptune has one satellite. Jupiter has nine satellites, four of which were discovered by Galileo in 1610.



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Tuna Fish, can . 15c	Bacon, lb. . . . 27c
White Star. ½ Can.	Breakfast. Sliced. Rind Off.
Toilet Paper roll 3½c	Prime Rib Roast, lb. 16½c
Waldorf.	Steer Beef.
Oleomargarine, lb. . 10c	Lamb Chops, lb. . . 24½c
Gen Nut.	Nevada Baby Lamb Loin.
Peas, No. 2 tall cans . 11c	Hamburger, lb. . . . 12c
Orleans Fancy Sifted Early June Peas.	Freshly Ground.
Tomatoes, can . . . 10c	Pork Roast, lb. . . . 12c
New Pack. Large No. 2½ Cans.	Eastern Grain Fed Pork, Shoulder Cuts.
Salmon, 3 cans for 25c	Lamb Roast, lb. . . . 10c
Redskin. Tall Cans.	Nevada Baby Lamb, Shoulder.
Corn, No. 2 tall cans . 10c	Veal Cutlets, lb. . . 22½c
Oxford or Kelleys.	Rib and Shoulder, Milk Fed Veal.
Spinach, No. 2½ cans 13c	Bacon, lb. . . . 19½c
Libby's Extra Fancy.	Lean Streaked. By the Piece.
Sweet Potatoes, can 14c	Rack of Lamb, lb. . . 19c
Libby's Extra Fancy. Large No. 2½ Cans.	With Pocket to Stuff and Bake.
Peaches No. 2½ can 12½c	Corned Beef, can . . 18c
Golden Wreath Fancy Halves in Heavy Syrup.	Libby's No. 1 Can.
Pineapple, can 9c	Dog Food, 3 cans for 25c
Hillsdale Broken Slices. No. 2 Tall Cans.	Calo, Ken-el-Ration, K-9.
Baking Powder, can . 25c	Sugar, 10 lbs. for . . 41c
Schilling's. 12-oz. Cans.	Fine Granulated.
Spaghetti Dinners . . 25c	Pickles, 5-oz. jar . . 15c
Del Ray. Everything for a Complete Dinner. Package.	Heinz Sweet, Sweet Mixed, or Sour.
Potatoes, 7 lbs. for 13c	Tomato Juice 3 cans 25c
Fancy Klamaths U. S. No. 1's.	Del Monte. Tall Cans.
Coffee, M.J.B. Jr., lb. 25c	Pancake Flour 20-oz. pkg. . 12c
	3½-lb. pkg. . . 27c
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Corn Flakes Kellogg's. Med. Size Pkg. 2 pkgs. 15c	Prunes Fresh Stock. Santa Clara. Lb. 5c	Mince Meat High Quality. Bulk. 2 lbs. 25c
Cranberry Sauce Ocean Spray. Large Cans. Each 15c	Matches 3 boxes 9c	Plum Pudding Heinz. Small Cans. 2 cans . . . 25c
Pancrust The Ideal Shortening. 3 lb. can . . 39c	SALMON Tall Cans. Fancy Pink. 3 Cans 25¢	Dates Fresh Crop. Bulk. 2 lbs. 15c
Pot o' Gold Pure Orange Marmalade. 3 jars . . . 25c	Mince Meat Highest Quality. 1 lb. Cans. Per can 17c	Ginger Ale Schwartz or Rainier. 3 bottles . 25c
Soup Van Camp's Tomato. Per can . . 5c	Extremely low prices on highest quality candy, nuts, and all seasonable stock. Take advantage of these buys.	Peas Twin Peaks. June. 2 cans . . . 25c

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Rib Roast Prime Steer Beef. Lb. 17c	Link Sausage All Pork—Nice and Fresh. Lb. 21c	BACON Eastern. Half or Whole Sides. Lb. 19c

Auto Business Due for Boom

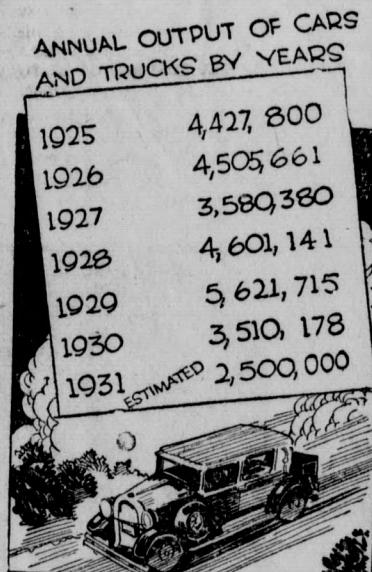
Motorists Who Have Kept Cars Long Because of Slump Expected to Buy Replacements Next Season

By ALLARD SMITH
Executive Vice President, Union Trust Company, Cleveland
Automotive production is looked to by many business observers as the Moses to lead the country out of the wilderness of depression, or at least to start the march, because the automobile plants' purchases of materials affect so many other lines of business.

Regardless of what the whole year of 1932 may show in the way of automobile production the opening months of the year should be much better than recently when output has been running at the annual rate of no more than 450,000 units. Most of the companies have gone to the plan of announcing their new models at the same time, around the turn of the year. The early months of the new year will see cars made for dealers' stocks, as well as for those who buy new models consistently.

There are doubtless many who could have bought new automobiles during the last two years who have not done so, because of the general business uncertainty. But they have not quit driving. Figures of gasoline consumption for 1930 and the first nine months of 1931 show a larger sale of motor fuel than ever before, indicating that the old cars are being used and worn out.

This indicates an accumulation of replacement business on which orders must be placed soon. The desire to buy is being stimulated, too, by the adoption of many im-



provements in all the new models which are being brought out. Automobile manufacturers evidently hope to convince those who have been driving their cars one or two years longer than they are accustomed, that the time has arrived to buy.

Prices tend to be lower and values higher, and if this stimulates the automotive market general business may very well feel a favorable rebound. The output of cars and trucks in 1931 is indicated at about 2,500,000 and some estimates place the probable 1932 figure at 3,000,000.



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Encouraging Crime

Carelessness and stupidity on the part of the victims is responsible for much of the theiving and swindling which has reached such alarming proportions in this country, amounting to approximately two billions a year.

Some of the specific weaknesses of our "easy marks" are pointed out by a leading criminologist, who enumerated cashing checks for strangers, leaving automobiles unprotected, carrying unnecessarily large sums of money, buying real estate without seeing it or investigating its title, investing in stocks and schemes without consulting a banker, trying to beat gamblers at their own games, lending money and extending credit to persons of doubtful honesty, and so on.

If people fail to exercise any caution whatever in these matters, no law or official action can effectively protect them from thieves, swindlers and dead beats.

While the punishment of swindlers often occurs, it usually happens too late to do the victim any good, so far as recovering his money or property is concerned.

Honest people have it in their own power to greatly reduce losses from the above mentioned causes, by merely exercising ordinary good judgment, instead of indulging in reckless practices which encourage crime.

Relations of Indians In The Americas Has Been Traced

BERKELEY.—In spite of the extreme variety and dissimilarity of Indian languages in North and South America, there is evidence in their tribal initiation and secret society ceremonies to show that originally their culture was derived from the Old World, and that since that time their spiritual and mystic life has been dominated by the ancient civilization of the Mayas in Central America. These conclusions are reached by Dr. Edwin Loeb, lecturer in anthropology at the University of California, in an article entitled, "The Religious Organizations of North Central America and Tierra Del Fuego," read before the American Association for the Advancement of Science, and now published in the American Anthropologist.

Based on field studies following up a suggestion made by Professor Robert Lowie, and field work in the eastern part of California by Professor A. L. Kroeber, Dr. Loeb has studied the initiations and society rites of western California Indians, and completed the first intensive description of secret societies in any part of the world which has yet been contributed to anthropology.

From the work of Professor Kroeber and himself in California, and of other anthropologists in Tierra Del Fuego and elsewhere, Dr. Loeb has been able to show that the foundation of the ceremonies used by the American Indians for initiating boys and girls on their approach to manhood and womanhood, is essentially the same as the foundation of similar ceremonies throughout the world. There are four ideas present in such rites which could not conceivably have been independent developments. These are: the use of the bull-roarer, a piece of wood on the end of a string which roars when whirled about the head; the idea of death and resurrection of boys during the ceremony; the representation of spirits in the flesh; and the giving

of some tribal mark such as boring a hole through the nose, knocking out a tooth, scarification of the skin, etc.

Two Cultures Observable

But on top of this fundamental culture which the Indians brought with them when they came to America, Dr. Loeb points out, there is a second layer of culture which seems to have spread from the Maya of Central America. Evidence of this spread is contained in the ceremonies of initiation to men's secret societies, and in some places the initiation of both men and women into secret orders of priests and shamans.

This similarity is found in the nature of the creation myths of the various tribal groups from north to south. All include some reference to the destruction of the world four times, once by fire, once by flood, once by whirlwind, and once by a jaguar, or by snow, etc. But primarily the kinship of the ceremonies is demonstrated by the presence of a god-impersonated figure crowned with headdress representing the sun or the moon.

Traced to Mythical White Men

Such figures are apparently variations of the Mexican culture hero Quetzalcoatl, who, according to the ancient myth, was a white man with a beard and cane, who came from some distant land to teach the Indians the remarkably advanced arts which the Spanish conquistadors found when they arrived. Later, the unappreciative population either killed him or drove him away. The story is similar to that of Christ and the Jews.

Dr. Loeb says that there is no evidence that this myth is absolutely untrue, and the fact that it had a strong enough hold on the people to spread over the western hemisphere might be interpreted as a support for the theory that a white man or a group of white men did reach the New World long before the coming of Columbus. This is, of course, mere conjecture.

Man Who Invented Thermometer Was Once Known as a Bad Boy

LOS ANGELES.—Daniel Gabriel Fahrenheit, the man who invented the mercury thermometer, and whose name has been perpetuated throughout the English speaking world for the past two centuries, was apparently a typical Peck's bad boy and a typical "rounder," in his youth.

This fact is indicated by a letter dated January 21, 1707, which was recently found in the archives of the city of Danzig, Germany, and which Prof. Waldemar Westergaard of the University of California at Los Angeles department of history brought to America for English translation and publication in Science.

Was an Incorrigible Youth

According to the letter, young Fahrenheit, at the age of 21, was causing his guardians so much trouble, and was so incorrigible, that the aid of the city council was requested in shipping him away to the Dutch East Indies. Luckily the plan was not successful.

The letter, which was addressed

to the burgomaster and the honorable gentlemen of the Danzig town council, reads as follows:

"We, who have been named as the guardians of the minor children of the late Daniel Fahrenheit, have sent his son, Daniel Gabriel, a minor, to Amsterdam by his own consent, to serve in an office, in the hope that he would learn to conduct himself properly. But things have gone very badly with this minor; he has spent the money given him; and he has behaved himself disgracefully in other ways. So, in order to protect the interests of his brothers and sisters, we have been obliged to sequester part of his capital, and have requested him through his patron to turn a new leaf.

Failed to Turn Over New Leaf

"But he has paid no heed, he has resumed his former practices, so we have been put to not a little trouble and pains to try to bring about a change for the better in his mode of life, but without be-

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by KET

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RUSSIA BUILDS STADIUM

One of these days the Olympic Games may be held in Russia. If so, a plan for their entertainment will be in readiness.

At Moscow, to be opened in 1933 as a part of the celebration to mark the end of the Five Year Plan, a stadium to seat 200,000 persons and cover 300 acres, is under way. It will be the world's largest sport unit and in a land which is often accused of giving all its attention to work, none to play.

News of this project has been met with some surprised comment by writers who have assumed that sports are something new in Russia. It is probably true they were never emphasized under the old order and that the past few years have been so filled with constructive activities that there was no time for the large program such as we know, and yet no one can read of Russian village life, old or new, without being impressed with the folk games and dances which are a release from the stern work of the day.—Oakland Tribune.

ONLY A TRIFLE IN KENTUCKY

A federal judge in Kentucky has instructed the prosecuting officers in his district not to have warrants issued in prohibition cases if the amount of liquor involved in the charge is less than a gallon.

The ostensible reason for the judge's orders is that his docket is too heavy to be bothered with trifling cases. But what constitutes a trifle in the way of a snifter depends on tradition, custom, habit or what not.

Kentucky has some very ancient customs in the matter, but even the warmest admirers of the Bourbon state's traditions are not prepared to view a gallon in a trifling light. Not in these times, at any rate.—S. F. Chronicle.

FRANCE AND HITLER

Some cynics about the World War; some men who are not cynics but international idealists; some enemies of France, some friends of Germany; all believe that it is good policy to preach that Germany will not pay her war debts, whether she can or not.

They now have powerful reinforcement for their arguments in the political movements of Adolph Hitler.

Hitler defies all attempts of republican leaders in Germany to keep order. He declares that he will overthrow the republic because it is complaisant to liberalism, and will establish a Fascist autocracy such as Mussolini runs in Italy. And Hitler declares: "Right goes hand in hand with might."

What greater justification for the course of France, than this virulent proclamation of the virulence of "Might" by Hitler, who is doing everything possible to defeat the moderates who are trying to bring France and Germany together?

For if Right and Might go together, then France should have advanced on Berlin in November, 1918, and have held German territory until her own demands were satisfied.

That was what Bismarck did in 1871, when he held Paris until France gave security to pay for the Franco-Prussian war.

This was what the Allied nations did not do, in 1919, but arranged that the settlement of the great war should come by negotiations, not by power.

If France has been untrue to that method of settlement, in arranging an iron ring around Ger-

many and in maintaining her military machine at high pitch, she is but obeying the credo of Adolph Hitler and of Prince Bismarck. France also proclaims that "Right is Might"—Fresno Republican.

LAW NEVER FORGETS

CHAMPAIGN, Ill.—Last April the home of D. E. Williamson was raided and a quantity of liquor seized. Williamson was not arrested, and he went to California, where he completed a course of instruction in radio work. He recently returned here to make use of his knowledge. He paid a visit to the sheriff to see how he stood. He found his standing not so good, for he received a sentence of 90 days in jail.

WARMS PILOTS' HANDS

DAYTON, O.—An electrically heated glove for use by pilots has been tried out at the army air corps material division at Wright Field. The glove is a "thumb and one finger" style, made of green pool-table wool. An electric heating element is sewed between the lining and outer cover of the glove. A switch in the cockpit of the plane turns the current on or off.

MILK MEN EXEMPT

MIAMI, Fla.—A milk man's early working hours may be a bit inconvenient to him, but they present a good argument when it comes to getting out of jury duty. George Wachstetter, milkman, was excused from the United States District Court jury panels by Judge Ritter. "You might go to sleep in the jury box," the judge told George after the milk man had explained his job required him getting up at 1 a.m. every day.

It is estimated that there still are about five million slaves in the world.

TWO MILLION DROP

NEW YORK.—During the first nine months of 1931 the cumulative total value of commercial and military airplane engine sales were \$2,500,000 less than during the same period of 1931, a report of the Aeronautical Chamber of Commerce shows. Fifty per cent of the total value of production and deliveries during the first nine months of 1930 was traceable to military activity, while during the same period of 1931, 63 per cent came from this source.

NEW YORK LEADS

ALBANY, N. Y.—New York still leads in the total number of licensed and unlicensed planes, having 1,200. California, having 1,175 ranks second. In the number of pilots, California ranks first, having 8,220 out of the total of 17,242 in the whole country. New York is second in this respect, having 1,811.

"MENTAL ANGUISH"

FORT WORTH, Tex.—Did you know that a golf ball could cause "mental anguish"? Well, it can, to the extent of \$5,000. Dr. A. W. Montague has filed suit for that amount against Dr. G. R. Baker. Dr. Montague claims that he was struck by a ball driven by Dr. Baker as they were engaged in a friendly match, the resulting pain causing him mental anguish. And it was a friendly game!

THE FOREIGN BOGY

Someone should debunk the idea that foreign debts and securities are chiefly responsible for America's troubles. To hear Senator Hiram Johnson and our isolationists talk you would think nobody ever lost anything on domestic American investments.

Of course the American public at the moment is looking for a scapegoat. One day it is Hoover. The next day it is the international bankers. Then it is Hoover and the international bankers, the theme being that they led us astray into foreign investments.

As for the bankers, they certainly showed little judgment and less

leadership in failing to halt the boom market. Nevertheless, the fault went much deeper. It was the whole boom psychology. The public, which wanted to get rich quick, was basically to blame.

The investing public in the period 1927-29 was extremely bullish on everything. Foreign securities were only a small item in the total. When we rub the bumps on our heads from foreign losses, we might remember also the losses at home—the vacant office buildings and idle factories reflected in depreciated real estate bonds and industrial stocks.

The point that the isolationists miss is that foreign depression means American depression, and American depression means foreign depression. It will do no good to curse Europe for faults we share and conditions for which we are jointly responsible.

American prosperity depends in part on foreign trade and foreign investments. American peace depends on international co-operation.—San Francisco News.

RED UNDIES NEEDED

At last we learn the cause of the decadence of American manhood. The reason we have so few "he-men" left, according to Sarah F. Hanley, a New York artist, is that we have forsaken red flannel underwear.

Colors, she explains, affect temperament. Whatever color you like is good for you, strengthening your qualities. Red was good for men because most men like red. Thus it made them more manly. They began to grow effeminate when they fell for such sickly hues as old rose, lavender and elephant's breath.

The duty of the underwear designers is plain. Give us red again! If we can't get such virile color in union suits, or if men don't dare wear it any more by daylight, possibly there could be a compromise on red pajamas, which would strengthen a man's temperament while he slept.—Berkeley Gazette.

PROTEST SOCIAL WELFARE

When drastic economy becomes necessary, it is always difficult to distinguish between essentials and non-essentials. A family perhaps can do this more easily than public officials or welfare workers.

As the need for charity has increased, the demand has been made again and again that educational, cultural and recreational activities should be dropped at once. Yet foresighted social authorities have countered with the statement that maintaining morale and giving wholesome occupation for idle hands and brains were as important to society as the food, clothing and shelter of direct relief.

In Chicago, where finances have been in a serious condition for some time, the suggestion has been made that all school service on the part of the health department, other than that controlling contagious diseases, should be abandoned as an economy move. "How foolish," it is said, "to do all that elaborate health work when we can't even pay the teachers regularly!"

Yet a review of some of the work of the health department during the last school year gives a different slant on the matter. More than 90,000 pupils were given physical examinations. More than 13,000 sufferers from malnutrition were discovered, 1600 tuberculosis suspects, 2600 cases of pulmonary disease, 37,000 cases of infected tonsils, and 34,000 cases requiring

Careless Canning In Home May Lead to Death Says U. C.

Dr. Meyer gives two simple rules which if followed would prevent method should be replaced by sterilization in a pressure cooker. Doubtless sterilization under pressure has enabled many a housewife to reduce the excessive spoilage due to under-sterilization, and hence botulism. But few, if any, of the people who have been the victims of botulism in recent years had either the money or the intelligence to use a pressure sterilizer; they continue to can the few products of their garden or even buy as cheaply as possible vegetables which have been harvested and stored for several days. Poor raw material that is heavily contaminated is the principal source of their troubles. It is exceedingly doubtful if, under the conditions of the average household, such goods could be rendered harmless by pressure sterilization.

Home-Canned Foods Dangerous

These rules are necessary, Dr. Meyer points out, because the greatest source of danger from botulism or food poisoning is from home canned foodstuffs. By experimentation and the adoption of definite regulations concerning food preparation, commercial canneries have reduced the possibility of food poisoning from their products to a minimum, and no case of poisoning has been traced to commercially prepared food from American canneries since 1925. California has led the way in this campaign for safe foods, and has effected a system of control which should restore complete confidence in the safety of its canned products.

Concerning home canning, Dr. Meyer says: "It has been suggested that botulism due to home-canned foods could be prevented provided the antiquated methods

dental care. Corrections of defects were made in 35,000 cases—home-canned string beans and other vegetables cold as salads, often heavily seasoned with vinegar or mayonnaise dressings which disguise any suspicious odors, botulism intoxications may be anticipated. Every farmer's wife feels qualified to preserve vegetables in a glass jar. Spoilage is frequently so slight that even a competent observer may be misled. Moreover, the unbolled contents of many jars may have been consumed without bad effects and thus a false confidence leads, finally to the disastrous meal.

Neither laws similar in character to that promulgated by Emperor Lex in 905 for the purpose of preventing botulism due to blood sausages, nor official supervision, which is obviously impossible, but only the education of the masses as to the necessity for boiling all home-canned vegetables before use will prevent the frequent and needless deaths from these products."

Perhaps the father expected his son, inspired by the university's faculty and traditions, to spurn the high-powered car for educational pursuits. Alas! That is rarely the way in this imperfect world. Of course the young man became a minus quantity not only in his own home but in college classrooms. A little co-operation between father and university might have helped considerably.—Santa Rosa Press-Democrat.

Hotel guests at Devonshire, England, now use a ferry that travels on land or sea. It is equipped with tractor wheels for land, and a propeller is driven off the tractor motor to drive the ferry through water.

About 30 varieties of soybeans are grown on farms in the United States. It is estimated that there are more than 2,000 varieties of this bean, a native of China.

Other Methods Advocated

"These and similar considerations have led public health workers to advocate the preservation of non-acid foods by drying, by curing in 10 per cent brine, or by pickling in acidified brine. Aside from being simple and inexpensive these methods have the one great advantage that the food is not ready to be served from the jar, but requires thorough soaking in water and sometimes subsequent boiling—the greatest safety device against botulism. Until there is an end to the custom of serving home-canned string beans and other vegetables cold as salads, often heavily seasoned with vinegar or mayonnaise dressings which disguise any suspicious odors, botulism intoxications may be anticipated. Every farmer's wife feels qualified to preserve vegetables in a glass jar. Spoilage is frequently so slight that even a competent observer may be misled. Moreover, the unbolled contents of many jars may have been consumed without bad effects and thus a false confidence leads, finally to the disastrous meal.

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